

## INTRODUCTION

This booklet is a collection of statutes and rules which relate to the practice of private detectives, private detective agencies and private security personnel in Wisconsin.

The licensing of private detectives has been in effect for many years. The regulation of private security personnel, however, was transferred from local law enforcement agencies to the Department of Regulation and Licensing on July 1, 1997. This regulation was contained in 1995 Wisconsin Act 461.

This booklet will also assist persons preparing for the private detective examination. Examination questions will be based on the information in this booklet and on the information in the following two textbooks which focus on investigative skills and techniques, as well as other skills needed by private detectives. These references do not include all acceptable sources of information, nor is it suggested that the answers to all questions in the examination are specifically found in these references.

Fundamentals of Criminal Investigations by Charles E. O'Hara and Gregory L. O'Hara  
6th Edition, 1994, or later  
Charles C. Thomas, 2600 South First Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9265

Techniques of Legal Investigation by Anthony M. Golec  
Second Edition, 1985, or later  
Charles C. Thomas, 2600 South First Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9265

Private detective applicants are encouraged to read additional material, take special courses when they can, and attend special training classes when available to further their knowledge and skills as a private detective.

The development of the law in this area is ongoing. Therefore, these rules and statutes may be revised subsequent to the printing of this book. Most local libraries maintain current sets of Wisconsin Administrative Code and the Wisconsin Statutes. These documents as well as other state publications are available from the Department of Administration, Document Sales Division, PO Box 7840, Madison, WI 53707.

All Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Codes are available on the Internet at the following addresses:

Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/statutes.html>

Rules: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/codtoc.html>